

“Thank God for His Grace”
Genesis 5, 6

Psalms 145:8 “God is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and rich in love.”

“Grace means that God is on our side and thus we are evictors regardless of how well we have played the game.” Brennan Manning

Principle: because of sin – we must all die – but those who accept God’s grace – have the hope of eternal life.

James 4:13-14 “Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”

Two principles:

1. Life is unpredictable.
2. Life is brief.

Psalms 39:5 “Each man’s life is but a breath.”

Isaiah 56:12 “Come, each one cries, let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even better!”

Proverbs 27:1 “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.”

Matthew 6:34 “So don’t be anxious about tomorrow – God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time.”

Psalms 31:15 “Lord, my days are in your hands.”

Principle: **Get over yourself – everybody else has.**

Jude 14-16 “Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.”

Days of Enoch (and Noah):

1. Age of permissiveness
2. Age of presumptuousness
3. Age of progressiveness

Principle: Our God is attracted to a pure and holy life.

Principle: Grace is when someone gives you what you don't deserve.

Principle: God never gives up on you and me.

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

Principle: Because of sin – we all must die.

How does God deal with sin?

1. With justice and judgment.

Matthew 24:37-39 "As it was in the days of Noah so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away."

Luke 19:42 "If you, even you, had known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Principle: God's the only one who really knows and judges the heart.

Principle: God grieves when we sin.

2. With grace

Romans 3:24 "All of us need to be made right with God by His grace, which is a free gift through Jesus Christ."

"Lord, I praise you for your grace. You're not surprised that we sin, and you graciously forgive us when we ask your pardon. So we don't have to struggle to hide our shortcomings or pretend we're perfect. Your indwelling Spirit helps us in the process of growing into Christ's likeness. Amen."